

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2007. Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-8 and 10-12 are rejected. Claim 9 is objected to. Claims 1, 3, 7, and 10 have been amended. Claims 4-6 and 9 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 7-8, and 10-12 remain pending in the present application.

Claim 9 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner states that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite the limitations of claim 1, 6, and 9. Applicant submits that amended claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 1-8, 10-12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vanier (6,320,472) in view of Meadowlark optics.

Applicant submits that amended independent claim 1 is allowable for the above stated reason. Dependent claims 3 and 7 have been amended to be consistent with amended claim 1. Applicant submits that claims 2-3 and 7-8 are allowable because they depend upon allowable base claim 1.

Applicant has further amended independent claim 10 to recite similar limitations as amended claim 1. Applicant submits that amended claim 10 is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Applicant further submits that claims 11-12 are allowable because they depend upon allowable base claim 10.

For the above reasons, Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 7-8, and 10-12 are allowable over the cited references. Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to

